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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Gen ALFRED M GRUENTHER, Supreme Commander Allied Powers in Europe: "If world war should break out now, there would be no such thing as a 'winner'. But definitely the Soviets would be defeated." . . . [2] VAL PETERSON, Fed'l Civil Defense Director: "In the not-too-distant future, we will be bldg a bomb equal in force to 60 million tons of TNT." . . .

[3] VALERY LYSIKOV, 17-yr-old son of Soviet Air Force officer, who escaped from East Germany to seek asylum in U S area: "Russian teachers are antagonistic toward students indicating an interest in religion. I have never been inside a church." . . . [4] N Y State legislative committee, *charging comic-book industry's attempt at self-regulation has proved ineffective*: "Comic books currently upon the stands, and bearing the authority's seal of approval, contain an abundance of the same type of material termed objectionable by the authority." . . . [5] Sen ALLEN J ELLENDER (D-Fla), *noting that Sen-*

Quote of the Week

G BERNARD NOBLE, chief, State Dep't Historical Div: "Anybody who says any significant Hiss notes were left out (*in release of Yalta papers*) is falsifying the facts. . . If there are any relevant papers around that were left out, we don't know about them and we certainly would like to."

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ate investigating costs rose from \$170,000 to \$2 million in 4 yrs: "If this thing is not halted before long, the taxpayers will be investigating the investigators." . . . [6] Nationalist Chinese Radio, ans'g propaganda broadcast from Chinese Reds: "We have American advisers, just as you have Russian advisers. We are friendly with the Americans, but we speak out frankly. . . To prove it, we will shout 3 times, 'The Americans are S O B's' and we dare you to say just once, 'The Russians are S O B's'." (From the Reds, no response.)

FIFTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



The housing situation currently presents an odd paradox. On the one hand we have fed'l men talking, as they have been for some wks now, of tighter controls. "Our real inflation danger is in housing rather than in the stock mkt."

On the other hand, we find Sen Sparkman (D-Ala) concerned over what he terms the inability of the low-income family to buy a cheap new house. As chmn of the Senate Banking Subcommittee he proposes hearings that may result in a further demand for Gov't stimulants.

It is difficult to see how a beneficent gov't can go much beyond the present "no-down-payment-and-30-yrs-to-pay" program. But in one sense at least the Alabama senator has a point: The houses offered under this liberal program can hardly be classed as bargains. And if we continue the present

frenzy of land speculation in urban areas there seems little prospect of realizing Sen Sparkman's ideal of a "cheap" house.

Already the unofficial Gov't talk of tighter terms is being used by real estate men to pressure dilatory prospects. "Buy now while easy terms are still available." This argument contributes to present high volume of residential construction.

The thing that concerns conservative financiers is not primarily the present rate of residential construction. It is the rapidly-snowballing contingent liability (now over \$40 billion) which Treasury assumes in guaranteeing VA-FHA loans. Probably we are not, even now, bldg too many homes, but some are being thrown up on a pretty shaky financial foundation.

In '27 construction topped \$12 billion; last yr it hit \$36 billion. But when we adjust our present rate to '27 dollars, it comes to only about \$14 billion. Meanwhile we have just about doubled our population. Construction still acc'ts for less than 10% of our nat'l output; a generation ago it was, percentage-wise, at least 50% higher.



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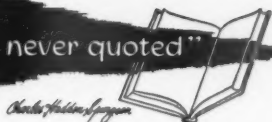
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AGE—1

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries. — *American Eagle*, hm, American Forest Products Corp'n.

AMERICA—2

I read in a newspaper recently the complaint of a minister that the right of nat'l self-criticism was being interfered with. . . I have a feeling that Americans have perhaps over-criticized themselves. We have developed a nat'l inferiority psychology that everything is wrong with this country, nothing is right with it. It has become synonymous with a type of intellectualism to claim that we Americans ought always to be ashamed of ourselves about something. It is easy to go to either extreme if you aren't judicial and well-balanced. If we have a sense of gratitude for this country, we may have a new appreciation of it, and therefore a new sense of how to improve it. — Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, "One Magic Word," *Pag-eant*, 4-'55.

ART—3

Art is many languages, with artists in different countries and cultures speaking in different tongues each of which must be learned to be understood and appreciated.—EDWIN ZIEGFELD, Columbia Univ, "Art and Internat'l Understanding," *Western Arts*, 3-'55.

BEHAVIOR—4

The *London Recorder* reports that Australian dockers are now demanding what they call "Temptation Money." If they unload something particularly desirable that they might be tempted to steal they demand to be fortified against the temptation by extra payment.

Bribery to keep the Ten Commandments! If that is accepted, the foundations of society will crumble. Payment for honesty and decency will destroy the qualities of character which make possible civilization, freedom and self-gov't. —Editorial, *Christian Economics*.

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Our greatest pretenses are built up not to hide the evil and the ugly in us, but our emptiness. The hardest thing to hide is something that is not there. — ERIC HOFFER, *The Passionate State of Mind* (Harper).

BOOKS—Reading—5

Books keep quiet. They do not suddenly dissolve into wavy lines or snow-storm effects. They do not pause to deliver a message from their sponsor. And every one of them is three-dimensional: they have length, breadth and thickness for convenience in handling, and they live indefinitely in the fourth dimension of time.—GEO STEVENS, *NEA-Jnl*.

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Sen J Wm Fulbright (D-Ark) considers introducing legislation to put a woman's picture on some denomination of paper currency. (Faces of women have been on U S stamps, but never on currency.) "Someone has suggested it might be a good idea," says Fulbright, "since women spend most of this money anyway."

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Rep Walter Rogers, a Democrat from the dustbowl area of the Texas Panhandle, rep'ted the other day that dust was blowing 30,000 ft high above Texas. "Texas," he explained, "is now not only the biggest state sideways, but also up and down."

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One thing guides in the Nat'l Gallery of Art here don't show tourists is the shooting gallery in the sound-proofed top floor. Explains a gallery supt: "Guides must be good marksmen, so they won't accidentally hit enormously valuable paintings in case they ever have to use their guns on a thief." . . . The Korean Embassy has just rec'd from Seoul a prized rug made of only the best parts of 64 leopard skins. But the ambassador has decided it's too valuable to be walked on. He has had it stored.

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Rep Elizabeth Kee (D-W Va) upon receiving a seed catalog: "It is good to know that somewhere people are planting gardens and sweet sanity prevails."

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CHILD—Discipline—6

Sometimes too much is expected of children because it is thought that they will become perfect blocks of marble and images of a man, without a chisel ever knocking off huge bits of egotism. The child may be thoughtless, but the parents must not be; the child may be selfish, but the parents must be selfless. It is these "holy terrors" which make both our great men and our delinquents and criminals. The latter are terrors because the parents forgot the holy.—FULTON J SHEEN, Catholic Bishop.

CHURCH—7

The church that does not reach out, fades out.—Rev ALLAN K WILLIAMS, *Christian Advocate*.

CONFORMITY—8

When it has become the seeming ambition of modern women that each one look like everyone else; when modern men aspire only to be 'one of the crowd,' it is easy to lose the sense of personal destiny, individual dignity. We have gradually reduced our lives to a plane of vicariousness. Our newspapers think for us, our radios and tv sets entertain us; and much of our education has turned from an education to a mere induction of facts, so that many graduates are turned out as mere warehouses for accumulated information, rather than as individuals trained to cultivate the soil of their own intellects.—Archbishop EDWIN V BYRNE, quoted in *Information*.

COURTESY—9

A Christian without courtesy is like a millionaire without money in his pocket.—*Rolf* (Ia) *Arrow*.

Mining the Magazines



You may well take extra care in filling out your income tax ret'n after reading an article in *Cosmopolitan* (Mar) on income-tax informers. "Squealers" bring the Treasury \$10 million a yr—and not just out of patriotism. Law provides informers a maximum reward of 10% of all taxes and penalties collected thru their efforts.

Democrat Digest, with 90,000 circulation and a minimum of editorial expense, is still running in the red. Idea of carrying ads has been discussed, discarded. Democratic Nat'l Committee will continue to make up the deficit.

Magazine Publishers Ass'n is considering an idea, hatched by its public relations committee, to subtly promote the sale of magazines: Thought is to encourage business people generally, when they arrange trysts in hotels or terminals, to say, "Meet me at the newsstand." The newsstand, it is pointed out, is a central, easily-located meeting place. And there's always a chance that the early arrival may buy a newspaper or magazine to while away the time!

Mid-Continent Banker recently carried a letter from a subscriber, bewailing the fact that the current crop of high school graduates "can't spell as well as the kids did years ago in the 4th grade in grammar school."

Confession magazines are just rep't cards from the School of Experience. — *Automotive Dealer News*.

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The British Royal Family has a rather special servant problem. It concerns those domestics who leave the royal service and subsequently write "inside" stories for the more lurid public prints. Commander Richard Colville, press sec'y to Queen Elizabeth, has politely rebuked the British Press Council for liberties taken, pointing out that such stories are unauthorized and most unwelcome.

U S Lady, digest-size mag for wives of mbrs of the armed services, will begin publication this spring from Washington, D C.

Printers' Ink tells of an involved employment application form used by a large industrial firm, seeking the services of floor sweepers. Included were such queries as, "Are you sexually stable?" "Do you blush easily?" and so on, and on. But they neglected to ask the one significant question: "Have you had any experience handling a broom?"

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DEMOCRACY—Communism—10

The real strength of democracy is that anyone who is not specifically against it must ultimately be for it, while communism suffers from the great tactical liability that anyone who is not specifically for it is eventually forced to oppose it. — EDWIN O REISCHAUER, *Wanted: An Asian Policy* (Knopf).

DRINK—Drinking—11

Youth must be served—and then carried out.—*Atlas News*, hr3, Atlas Auto Finance Co.

EDUCATION—12

The best gov't will be the one which governs the least, and requires, therefore, the least training and experience in the art of governing. The best education will be the one which trains, disciplines and teaches the least. For the necessary faculties are inborn and they are more likely to be perverted by too much culture than to wither for the lack of it.—WALTER LIPPMANN, "The Adversaries of Liberal Democracy," *Atlantic*, 3-'55.

Education can be justified only if it helps produce the kind of man who, because he is morally strong enough to be free, will persist in his demand for freedom, and take the responsibility for living civilly and creatively by it. The impact of such leaders on vast numbers of us not so talented or so strong as they, can be enough to hold the balance for freedom.—Pres VICTOR L. BUTTERFIELD, Wesleyan (Conn) Univ.

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FAMILY LIFE—13

Probably the most important factor that is causing a breakdown of the home today is lack of good example. There isn't any substitute for it. You can have all the rules and inhibitions that may be imposed but they become superficial if they are not backed up by decent example. — Judge LUTHER YOUNGDAHL, "Make a House a Home," *Eagle*, 3-'55.

FLATTERY—14

Too many people work themselves into a lather with soft soap.—*Richmond (Ky) Daily Register*.

FREE SPEECH—15

Free speech is like garlic. If you are perfectly sure of yourself, you enjoy it and your friends tolerate it in you. If you are insecure inside yourself, you do not indulge in garlic and you do not tolerate it in others. — LYNN WHITE, Jr., Pres Mills College.

HATE—16

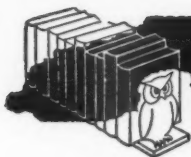
Hate is only power to love misused.—*Missionary Tidings*.

HISTORY—17

"I'll make a bet," I said to my high-school-age son, "that the world history you will study begins in Egypt and Mesopotamia, moves on to Greece by way of Crete, takes you thru Rome and finally ends with France and England."

"But that's not world history," the lad argued, aware of his own recent Asian experience. "That leaves out three-fourths of the world!"

Unhappily, I won the bet. — CHESTER BOWLES, *Ambassador's Report* (Harper).



Book Briefs

Rudolph Flesch, our most prolific author of reading matter on the matter of reading, has gone to the root of the matter in *Why Johnny Can't Read* (Harper). The faulty reading skill of so many teenagers, he says, dates back to the 30's when schools abandoned the phonic teaching method (combining sounds of syllables) for the word-recognition plan (using flash cards—sight memorization of words). Today teaching has reverted to a combination of the 2 methods, because of examples such as one mentioned on the tv panel, *Who Said That?* A youngster learned the word "dog" by associating it with a smudge on the teacher's flash-card; couldn't recognize it on the printed page!

With more than half a million copies already being surreptitiously perused under bridge tables, Chas Goren's *Point Count Bidding* has gone into its 12th printing. Best endorsement so far came from a fellow who wrote the publishers (Simon & Schuster) that Goren's method was "even better than cheating."

According to Bennett Cerf, in *Saturday Review*, a dissatisfied customer in Dayton, Ohio, ret'd for credit a copy of Harriet Arnow's *The Dollmaker*. "This here is just a novel," she complained. "I thought it was a biography of Artie Shaw."

A schoolgirl wrote: "A biography is about a good man, such as a bishop, but a naughty biography is the life of a lady."—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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Louise Dickinson Rich has hied back to the "good old days" in *Innocence Under the Elms* (Lippincott), an acc't of her childhood days in Bridgewater, Mass. But instead of lamenting the world as changed, she puts the finger on us as the changed element, concluding that, "To the eyes of a child, perhaps the world is still a place of wonder, beauty and high adventure. The material, and shoddy, and meretricious things that have taken the place of our golden dreams . . . may not exist at all except as we have brought them into existence."

Univ of California, making a survey of the comic-book situation, came up last wk with a startling statistic: 12% of the nation's teachers are comic-book fans! . . . And Bill Vaughan, the columnist, opines: "I can't get too enthusiastic about a trip to the moon. Imagine taking along enough comic books to keep the kids quiet for all those light yrs!"

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More Truth Than Poetry

Longfellow's poem of the midnight ride to Concord 180 yrs ago (Apr 18, 1775) is stirring reading, all right, but it does injustice to the real alarm-sounder, Wm Dawes — whose only mistake was having a less rhythmic name than Paul Revere. Revere was a 2nd-choice "just-in-case" rider who was captured, while Dawes started 1st, got thru to alert the Minute Men. But these little-read truths must be small comfort to the shade of Dawes, whose plaint is imagined in Helen More's poem, What's In A Name?

... 'Tis all very well for the children to hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
But why should my name be quite forgot,
Who rode as boldly and well, God wot?
Why should I ask? The reason is clear—
My name was Dawes—his was Revere.

When the lights of the old North Church flashed out,
Paul Revere was waiting about;
But I was already on my way.
The shadows of night fell cold and gray
As I rode with never a break or pause,
But what was the use, when my name was Dawes?

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IGNORANCE—18

Old Joe Jones says, "There is one thing to be said about ignorance—it sure causes a lot of interesting arguments." — *Hartwell (Ga) Sun.*

IMMORTALITY—19

Far stranger than resurrection—than immortality—is life itself. The wonder is that we are, why we are; but we do not doubt that we are. Once we are—is it nearly as remarkable that we continue to be?—*Arkansas Methodist.*

LABOR RELATIONS—20

The 5-day wk is not a brain child of the twentieth century. The inception of the idea is attributed to Robinson Crusoe who managed to have all his work done by Friday.—*N Y Experiment Station News.*

LEADERSHIP—21

Yes, the young people of today are tomorrow's leaders, no doubt. But sometimes I wonder whether they are going to be followed or chased.—*Farm Jnl.*

LIFE—Living—22

You won't find a more interesting and full life until you are prepared to accept the unexpected as an opportunity, instead of a possible source of trouble.—*Woman's Wkly, London.*

MARRIED LIFE—23

The quarrel with matrimony is not with the institution. It's the personnel.—*Boston Globe.*

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A honeymoon is the vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss.—*Life Today.*

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Apr 17-23

Nat'l Do-It-Yourself Wk

Let's Play Ball Wk

Bike Safety Wk

Apr 17—315 yrs ago (1640) the 1st Lutheran pastor arrived in America (he really started something; 6,828,000 Lutherans today form the 3rd largest U S Protestant denomination).

Apr 18—Paul Revere (along with sadly-neglected Billy Dawes) set out from Boston 180 yrs ago (1775) on that Midnight Ride (actually, earlier Revere rides were far more significant to the cause, if not to Longfellow). . . Assorted events of 30 yrs ago (1925); the 1st Woman's World Fair opened in Chicago, the nation's 1st all-Chinese hospital opened in San Francisco, and the 1st transcontinental wire-photo flashed to N Y from Hollywood. . . Allied forces finished up the Battle of the Ruhr 10 yrs ago (1945) with 325,000 prisoners—but the headlines went to a skinny, beloved little war correspondent, Ernie Pyle, killed the same day by a sniper on Ie Shima in the Pacific.

Apr 19—The "shot heard round the world" rang out 180 yrs ago today (1775) as the Battles of Lexington and Concord touched off the Revolutionary War. . . Less eager to fight 105 yrs ago (1850), U S and Britain signed the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty agreeing to keep fingers out of each other's Latin American pies (a pact that

lasted till the Panama flare-up nearly 50 yrs later). . . The Capital paid final respects to Abraham Lincoln with funeral services there 90 yrs ago (1865).

Apr 20—Favoring quality above quantity, the Virginia Assembly 285 yrs ago (1670) rejected plans to import felons as settlers. . . The last holdout against secret voting, S Carolina 5 yrs ago (1950) became the 48th state to adopt Australian ballots.

Apr 21—Berlin citizens went from the frying-pan into the fire as Russians chased Nazis from the city 10 yrs ago (1945).

Apr 22—German troops added another horror to world war 40 yrs ago (1915) with the 1st mass poison gas attack, against unprotected Allied troops at Ypres. . . A victory of sorts for disarmament came 25 yrs ago (1930) when America, Britain, and Japan agreed on a 5-5-3 ratio for ship-building.

Apr 23—*St George's Day* (he of the dragon—patron saint of England; the St George cross and St Andrew cross are combined in the British flag). . . 180th anniv (1775) b of Jos M N Turner, one of the most celebrated of English landscape painters, distinguished for his brilliant use of color in his many seascapes and Italian scenes.

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"Of all things!"

It is now an almost forgotten fact that, under the laws of Britain and her Dominions, the word "royal" can be used commercially only with the consent of the reigning monarch.

This restriction was emphasized just recently when the Canadian Pacific Ry was denied use of the name "Royal Canadian" for a new trans-continental train. Queen Elizabeth, it would seem, has adopted a policy of consistently discouraging use of the appellation.

And it is high time, say some loyal British subjects. For no monarch since Victoria has given thought to the neglected statute. As Canadian Prime Minister Louis St Laurent observed, "Anybody who wanted to use 'royal' for a commercial purpose just went ahead, without asking permission."

The result of this laxity is that "royal" has become perhaps the most popular trade name in Canada. In Ottawa, alone, there are several small hotels, a tailor shop, a taxi company, an upholsterer's firm, a delivery service and a pool room, all using "royal" in their business names.

But indications are that there will not be many more during the reign of Elizabeth II. In this move she doubtless will have the approval of a great majority of British people, who feel strongly on the subject of monarchical dignity.

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MOOD—24

It is doubtful if any man who never experienced low moods can produce great things in the world, no matter what his capacity.—REXFORD HERSEY, *Zest for Work* (Harper).

PERSPECTIVE—25

An artist and his family moved into a neighborhood. They employed a neighbor girl to help with the housework. One evening they sat on the porch watching the glorious sunset. The girl asked permission to return home for a few min's and show her family the sunset. "There is no need to go," smiled the artist. "They can see it from your home."

"No, they can't," insisted the girl. "I never saw sunsets until you came and they won't see it unless I go and show it to them."

—CELIA LUCE, "Why Not Be Happy?" *Relief Society Mag.*, 3-'55.

PRAYER—26

I want my son to have a college education, but I cannot give it to him unless he asks for it and wants it. If I make available for him the money he needs, he must co-operate by opening his mind thru study in order to receive the education. The reason we do not receive answers to our prayers may be in us—in our failure to co-operate.—CHAS L ALLEN, *When the Heart is Hungry* (Revell).

RECREATION—27

Recreation is nothing but a change of work—an occupation for the hands by those who live by their brains, or for the brains by those who live by their hands.—DOROTHY THOMPSON, editorial, *Recreation*.

RELIGION—28

Back in the 18th century John Wesley once expressed what seemed to him a curious dilemma. He said that religion makes a man frugal, and frugality begets wealth. Wealth makes a man indifferent to religion, so it seems that religion destroys itself.

It is a dilemma that has vexed the businessman thru the centuries. Perhaps it is not quite so simple as John Wesley formulated it. But it is certainly true that the compulsion of success in business has tended to make a man neglectful of his Christian faith.—MARQUIS CHILDS and DOUGLASS CARTER, *Ethics in a Business Society* (Harper).

SCIENCE—Religion—29

Great as I think are the values which science has brought and will bring to humanity, I would not wish to leave you with the impression that man can live by science alone, for science does not provide him with the ethical guidance nor the spiritual insights which are needed to realize our ideals of the good life.—E U CONDON, *Science Digest*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—30

The problem in teaching — and it's a real challenge to the genuine teacher—is not to rule out competition, but to preserve the courage and hope of those who seldom win rewards.—JOHN F SCHERESCHEWSKY, *Hartford Courant*.

TRUTH—31

Truth is the sunlight; man, the window. The light is always shining, even when the window is sooted.—NORMAN G SHIDLE, editorial, *SAE Jnl*.

In Brief

Army Signal Corps has finally developed a one-way wrist radio. Now they're only slightly behind comic-strip hero, Dick Tracy. That otherwise staunch patriot stubbornly refuses to let the gov't in on the secret of his 2-way wrist wireless. . . . The Russians, too, seem to have scored one on Uncle Sam. They rep't development of a type of corn that grows ears in bunches. But, just the same, Soviet agriculturists last wk expressed keen interest in visiting Iowa corn country.

One of the oldest jokes in the gagster's kit concerns the lady who entered a store and asked for a qt of red-and-white striped paint. They still don't have *that* in stock. But if she'll settle for a nice polka-dot mixture—. Sure, it's a new spray-applied paint—solid color background with small dots of varying hues.

Even tho you can't seem to buy much with 'em these days, Uncle Sam is producing a record number of pennies—834 million last yr. Supermkt odd prices stimulate the demand. And of course you can put them in parking meters. . . . United Auto Workers union has coined a new word you'll be meeting frequently in future—it's GAW for Guaranteed Annual Wage. . . . With 638,000 persons injured in home chores last yr, we suggest it should be termed rue-it-yourself!

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Good Stories.....

you can use

Baseball's spring training reminds us of the time Joe Medwick, the former outfielder of the St Louis Cardinals, toured Europe with a group of entertainers.

When the troupe reached Rome, they were granted an audience with Pope Pius. His Holiness graciously inquired of each in turn the nature of his business. "I'm a comedian," said one man.

"I'm a dancer," said a young girl.

Then came Medwick's turn. With simple dignity, he said, "Your Holiness, I'm a Cardinal."—*American Wkly.* **a**

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Have you heard the one about the octopus who fell into the cement mixer? He was just a crazy, mixed-up squid. — JAS S POOLER, *Detroit Free Press.* **b**

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A man telephoned the police to report that thieves had been at work on his car.

"They've stolen the steering wheel, the brake pedal, the accelerator, the clutch pedal and the dashbd," he complained.

A police sgt said he would investigate. Then the telephone rang again.

"Don't bother," said the same voice—this time with a hiccup. "I got into the back seat by mistake." —*Tit-Bits*, London. **c**

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

TED M JONES

A certain church, looking for a minister, heard a man they liked very much. The committee in charge listened carefully to reactions of the mbrs. But one complaint was quite frequently voiced—this nice young minister preached a sermon that was far too lengthy.

The committee met, discussed the candidate at length, and seemed unable to come to a conclusion. Finally a mbr submitted a motion: "Inasmuch as the mbrship of our church seems well pleased with this good brother—except for the objection raised—I move that we call him to our congregation. But, let's call him for just half time!"

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In Ohio a Negro was arrested on a charge of horse theft and was duly indicted and brought to trial. When his day in court came he was taken before the judge and the prosecuting att'y solemnly read the charge in the indictment to him.

The prosecuting att'y put the question: "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

The Negro rolled uneasily in his chair. "Well, boss," he finally said, "ain't dat the very thing we're about to try to find out?"—*Arkansas Baptist.* **d**

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Cracks

In Cambridge . . . one of the old dons . . . was a metaphysician who always walked the sts sideways, scraping his back against the walls of buildings somewhat in the manner of a small boy trying to edge his way out of a room without being seen. When asked why he chose such a singular manner of locomotion, he eyed his questioner with the expression of a man who has never accustomed himself to the stupidity and lack of imagination of his fellow mortals.

"If I were to walk in the conventional manner," the philosopher repl'd, "how could I be sure it wouldn't occur to somebody to kick me in the rump?" — HUGH MACLENNAN, *Montrealer*. e

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The doctor was examining a very slightly built man. At length he shook his head and said dubiously, "You have a strong heartbeat, but I wonder if your ribs can take it."—*McCall Spirit*, hm, McCall Corp'n. f

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Religion class. Theme: the end of the world. The pastor discussed it in great detail: "Thunder will roll, lightning will jerk, flames will shoot out of the earth, the dead will rise up—"

The children listened expectantly. Finally one asked the big question: "Pastor, will . . . will we get out of school?" — *Revue*, Munich (Quote translation). g

Sec'y Talbott thinks our Air Force is stronger than Russia's, but says he doesn't know exactly why he thinks so, which is about the way Lou Boudreau might explain his feeling that the Athletics will do better this yr. — *Hartford Courant*.

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They say Mamie got her famous cold standing beside her husband. Ike refuses to close the door on the draft. — FLETCHER KNEBEL, NANA Syndicate.

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The press reports that Pravda now contends that a Russian invented the streetcar. What's a streetcar?—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

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Golly, the nostalgia a man can stir up by cleaning out the attic—bustles, buggy-whips, kerosene lamps, and 3-D glasses.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

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Description of a Hollywood wolf: A fine fellow once you get to no him.—*ERSKINE JOHNSON*, Photoplay.

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A small town is usually a place that is divided by a ry, a main st, 2 churches and a lot of opinions.—*Grantville (Ga) Gazette*.

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It's hard to keep a good man down; but it's a lot harder to keep a good-for-nothing one up.—P-K Sideline, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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Notre Dame has recently instituted a special English course to familiarize their for'gn students with American slang.

What prompted it? Continued mishandling of idioms, which reached a climax when one for'gn student respectfully addressed a dean with "I'm very pleased to meet you, sir. I've heard you are a wise guy." h

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A motorist was driving through a New England state and had the misfortune to knock down a calf which was crossing the road. He stopped at a nearby farmhouse and reported the accident to the farmer who owned the animal and asked how much the calf was worth.

"Well," said the farmer slowly, "it's worth \$35 now, but in six years, it would have been worth about \$250."

The motorist took out his check-book, sat down at a nearby table and wrote rapidly. Tearing a check out of the book, he handed it to the farmer.

"There you are," he smiled. "There's a post-dated check for \$250."—DAN BENNETT. i

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The colt trotted up to the bookmaker on the racecourse and neighed, "I want \$2 to win on myself in the 3rd."

"What!" screamed the bookie.

"Surprised to learn I can talk?" asked the horse.

"No," said the bookmaker, "I just don't think you can win."—*Point de Vue* (Paris). J

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"So you're a sailor?" sneered the petty officer. "I'll bet you don't know how to tell the difference between port and starboard."

"Sure I do," the recruit said. "Just look at the labels on the bottle." — *Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co. k

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The minister was lecturing to a class about keeping their minds as clean as their bodies. To emphasize the point, he held up a bar of soap.

"Oh, oh," said one little listener, "here comes the commercial."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* l

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During the frenzied speculation in uranium stocks, a Toronto broker called a lady customer to tell her about a certain issue. He said he thought there were good prospects, but the stock was admittedly a gamble. It was selling for a dollar a share.

The lady, who had gambling instincts but little luck, was interested. "Okay," she agreed, "you buy me 1,000 shares at a dollar a share, and if it comes back up there again, sell it!"—*Executive's Digest*. m

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An official of the U S Maritime Commission was approached by a die-hard prohibitionist who wanted to stop a ship from being christened with a bottle of champagne.

"Why, that's the best advertising your cause could want," protested the official. "After that ship has its 1st taste of alcohol, it immediately takes to water and sticks to it."—*Pageant*. n

An Italian baker was confronted with the problem of mastering English in order to impress the large number of tourists. After much careful study of several books he felt confident to advertise the generous size of his wares and painted above his shop window the following sign: "Luigi Ferrazzi, The Biggest Loafer in Town." — *Cambridge (England) Daily News.* o



Stiffens Your Spine

According to an Italian sociologist, mystery thrillers help improve the reader's morality.—News item.

Competitors of Bishop Sheen
And Norman Vincent Peale
Are books in which the knives are keen
And bullets very real.

Yes, books that start with someone slain,
A corpse upon the floor,
A smudge upon the windowpane,
And bloodstains on the door.

For as you wonder who is it—
The wife, the maid, the butler—
Your moral fibers seem to knit,
Your moral sense grows subtler.

At any rate, while reading strong,
Absorbed, bent nearly double,
You stay at home all evening long
And thus keep out of trouble.

And when the characters are dead
Or back of prison grate,
You shudder, sigh, and shake your head,
And swear you're going straight.

Ike's Presbyterian pastor in Washington, the Rev Dr Edw L R Elson, recently turned over his pulpit for a Sunday morning sermon to Evangelist Billy Graham. Introducing him, Dr Elson noted that Dr Graham had once been a Presbyterian but had changed to the Baptist church. "At some point along the way," said Dr Elson, "he became dissatisfied with the dry-cleaning processes of Presbyterians and got the complete wash."—*QUOTE Washington Bureau.* p

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"Where does the rain and snow come from, Mother?" asked Bobby.
Repl'd his mother, "God made it."

"What did He do," asked Bobby,
"leave the water running in the sink?"—Mrs WM NEWKIRK, *Indianapolis Times.* q

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Hans von Buelow was asked by a singer, "Did you notice, sir, how my voice filled the whole hall?"

"I certainly did," he assured her.
"I even noticed that some of the audience left in order to provide more room."—*Sonnenschein, Bielefeld (QUOTE translation).* r

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Actress walked into a Westwood shop that sells baby things and started pawing the dry goods. "Are you expecting, madam?" asked the clerk, politely. "Hell, no, I'm not expecting," snapped the star, "I'm sure!" — *MIKE CONNOLLY, Hollywood Reporter.* s

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Quote-ettes

SECOND CLASS MATTER

DAVID NIVEN, movie-tv actor, declaring he will act as long as he can breathe: "I'll probably wind up playing aged butlers and people's nice old grandfathers, but I'll have fun doing it." 1-Q-t

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CLEO MOORE, movie starlet, denying that her political ambition is publicity gimmick: "If Marilyn Monroe can try for *The Brothers Karamazov*, I can run for Gov of Louisiana." 2-Q-t

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MAE WEST, sidestepping proposal that she write her autobiography: "I'm not ready to do it yet. I don't think I've lived enough." 3-Q-t

News of the **NEW**

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More than ever, producers have the comfort and safety of consumers in mind, according to Louis Cook of the *Detroit Free Press*.

Possibly by next yr, cars will be built so they refuse to start if the driver is unfit to navigate. The ignition system will have a built-in Drunkometer.

The principle behind this safety-aid may be adapted to other uses: one possibility is a bar stool which automatically sets its occupant on his feet when he's had enough. (Maybe there'll even be one which will catapult plastered patrons into the street.)

With the housewife in mind, the

phone companies are developing a special movable phone, equipped to filter out extraneous noises, so that a woman can carry on a phone conversation while she's feeding the baby, washing dishes, or running the vacuum. For a slight extra charge, she can have a signal panel installed at the back door. Then, if both door-bells ring while she is using the phone, she can answer the front door, signal person at back door to wait a min.

And the latest typewriters will have electronic brains to correct any spelling mistakes made by typists.

April Fool!

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